

New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
Bureau of Markets

**AGRICULTURAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT
GRANT PROGRAM 2003-2005**

Program Objective

The New Hampshire Legislature passed legislation in 2001 establishing an Agricultural Nutrient Management (ANM) grant program in the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food (NHDAMF). In 2003, the legislature reauthorized the program with funding for two additional years. US EPA grants obtained through the NH Department of Environmental Services' Nonpoint Source and Source Water Protection programs have augmented state ANM funding. The purpose of the program is to assist agricultural land and livestock owners with efforts to minimize adverse effects to waters of the state by better managing agricultural nutrients including commercial fertilizers, animal manures and agricultural composts.

Program Basics

The ANM Grant Program seeks to provide financial, educational and technical assistance for livestock and agricultural land operations and related organizations with implementing Best Management Practices and such other measures necessary to prevent or mitigate water pollution. Applicants for ANM grants may apply for cost assistance of up to \$2,500. There is no match required, however, in-kind services such as labor provided by the applicant will enhance the application. The majority of the funding will be used for on-farm projects that address the program objectives. Funding may also be utilized by organizations for educational or research projects.

Examples of Projects:

- Fencing livestock out of surface water
- Controlled wetland crossings
- Concrete pads or structures for manure/compost storage
- Roofs for manure/compost storage
- Barn roof gutters/downspouts

- Pasture pumps or other watering systems as alternatives to surface water sources
- Vegetated buffers/Divergence berms

How to Apply

Applications, available from NHDAMF, may be submitted by individuals, businesses or organizations. Grants will be awarded in two rounds, December and June, for which applications must be received by the department by December 1st and by June 1st, respectively. In addition, depending upon availability of funds, a special emergency grant application may be made when circumstances arise that the department determines present a critical need for assistance. Grant recipients will be chosen based on the merits of the project as put forth in the application. NHDAMF representatives may visit the proposed applicant's site to view the project for suitability. Prior to receiving funding, successful applicants will sign an agreement with NHDAMF indicating their responsibility to complete the proposed tasks and authorizing the department to view and certify the project as complete. Payment of funds to the applicant may be made at the start of the project, or, at NHDAMF's discretion, in installments, contingent upon satisfactory completion of the project tasks.

Provide five (5) copies of the application and supporting information.

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